

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL NEWS



Feb. 21, 2012



"Where All Children Are Welcome"



BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS:

The regular meeting of the Smethport Area School District Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 13, 2012, in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

The following agenda items were approved at a Special Meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2012:

- ❖ A letter of resignation from Chris Swanson effective January 30, 2012.

The following agenda items were approved at the regular meeting:

- ❖ A resolution designating an additional \$400,000 from the June 30, 2011 Unreserved Fund Balance for the projected rate increases of PSERS for the next several years.
- ❖ A transfer of \$300,000 to the Capital Projects Fund.
- ❖ The I.U. 9 General Operating Budget for the 2012-13 school year in the amount of 1,252,571 (our share equals \$33,793).
- ❖ A resolution for funding and support of the Seneca Highlands Wide Area Network (SHWAN) services for the 2012-13 fiscal year in the amount of \$32,610.
- ❖ The following addition to the Substitute Support Staff list for the 2011-12 school year:
Samantha Fioravanti, Turtlepoint, Cafeteria, Custodial, Teacher's Aide/Clerical
- ❖ The following supplemental positions for the 2011-12 school year:
Volunteer Baseball Coach.....Rick Austin
Volunteer Softball Coach.....Molly Kinner
- ❖ The School Calendar for the 2012-13 school year.
- ❖ Appointment of Rob Cosper as a full-time Physics teacher.
- ❖ The following addition to the C.L. McKeirman Substitute Van/Bus driver list for the 2011-12 school year:
Bob McCracken, Mt. Jewett, Bus
- ❖ Linda Easton for parent provided student transportation to the Elementary School based on the IRS allowable mileage rate.

COMMENDATIONS:

Congratulations to the following who attended the PA Music Educators Association District 2 Choral Festival on January 25th ~ 28th at Warren Area High School: Nick Duffy, Shannon Hughes, Justin Lund, Nikki Miller, & Trevor Rowand. Nick, Shannon, and Trevor have advanced to Regionals on March 10th in Ridgway.

Congratulations to Chance Wheeler for being selected for District Band (placed 1st chair out of 36 students in the Clarinet section) and qualified for Region Band at the end of February in West Shamokin.

Congratulations to Kevin Lord and Tyler Smead for being selected to the Don Raabe Classic Big 30 Team.

Congratulations to Nate Schwab for winning his 100th wrestling match of his career.



LOCKS OF LOVE

When: February 28th, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Smethport High School LGI Room

Accepting hair donations at least 10 inches long. To schedule a cutting or for more information call Chelsea Greene at 814-598-8067 or Melissa O'Brien at 716-397-8030.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.



PSSA TESTING ~

The Smethport Area Elementary School will hold PSSA Reading and Math testing for 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th grade students on **March 12th – 23rd**. PSSA Science testing for 4th grade students will take place on **April 23rd – 27th**. PSSA Writing testing for 5th grade students will take place on **April 16th – 20th**.

The Smethport Area High School will hold PSSA Reading and Math testing for 7th, 8th, and 11th grade students on **March 12th – 23rd**. PSSA Science testing for 8th & 11th grade students will take place on **April 23rd – 27th**. PSSA Writing testing for 8th & 11th grade students will take place on **April 16th – 20th**.

PSSA suggestions:

- 1) Attendance is critically important during these dates. It is also very important that students arrive at school before 8:20 a.m. as they are not permitted to enter the classroom once a test session has begun.
- 2) A good night's sleep is very important.
- 3) It is always a good idea to have a healthy breakfast especially on test days. Please be reminded that breakfast is always available at the school from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. in the elementary school and 7:45 – 8:09 a.m. in the high school.
- 4) If you would like to review what could be on the test, your child has an account at www.studyisland.com. This site is broken down into academic standards that your child can practice.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Smethport Area Elementary School will hold **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** for the 2012 – 2013 school year on Friday, March 23, 2012. Children must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2012. Registration packets may be picked up in the Elementary office after February 13th. **Please contact the Elementary office to schedule an appointment at 887-5012.**



- ❖ February 27 – March 2, 2012 ~ PTO Spring Book Fair
- ❖ March 1, 2012 ~ Book Fair – Family Night 6:00 – 7:30
- ❖ February 28, 2012 ~ Locks of Love 4:30 – 7:00 High School LGI Room
- ❖ March 17, 2012 ~ St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ March 23, 2012 ~ Kindergarten registration.
- ❖ March 26, 2012 ~ End of Third Nine Weeks Marking Period
- ❖ April 3, 2012 ~ Report Cards Distributed
- ❖ April 6 – April 11, 2012 ~ Easter Vacation. Students and staff will return to school on Thursday, April 12th.



The Smethport Area **Pre-Kindergarten packets** will be ready and available on March 1st. The applications will start being accepted on March 5th. Packets are available in the Elementary office or the High School office. Please call Janet DiFonzo at 887-5545 if you should have any questions. Applicants will be notified, by mail, if accepted into the program by June 15th or when state funds are distributed.



CAFETERIA NEWS: A reminder to all students to have their lunch accounts up-to-date. Elementary field trips are being planned. If students have a negative balance, they will be unable to attend their class field trip. A Cafeteria News memo went home with all Elementary students with some important information regarding breakfast and lunch policies. Please call Toni Morris, Food Service Director, at 887-5543 if you have any questions.

SAND BLASTING & LIGHT WELDING and fabricating located in Smethport area. Call John, 814-598-7582. 4/7p

PROCEED THE PARTY with TNT AUDIO DJ Karaoke 7 to 11 p.m. Smethport American Legion - Sat., Feb. 25th. Summer day outfit competition, prizes, games. Members and guest. c

McKEAN COUNTY CARE FOR CHILDREN. Memorials may be purchased at: Todd Motor Sales, Inc., Main St., Eldred, PA. tf

SMETHPORT AREA RESIDENTS: Need food? Need clothing? We want to help! Christian Community Services (under Hamlin Bank on Fulton St.). Open Monday through Wednesday 10-11 a.m. No hours Thursday or Friday. tf

• A lot of people are afraid of heights. Not me, I'm afraid of widths. Steven Wright

• A runner must run with dreams in his heart, not money in his pocket. Emil Zatopek

Double Chocolate Cream Pie
Double your pleasure with two -- yes, two -- kinds of chocolate! When it comes to chocolate, more is never too much!

- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant chocolate fudge pudding mix
- 1 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder
- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1 (6-ounce) purchased chocolate-flavored pie crust
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant white chocolate pudding mix
- 1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1 (2 1/2-inch) chocolate graham cracker square, made into fine crumbs
- 1 tablespoon mini chocolate chips

1. In a large bowl, combine dry chocolate fudge pudding mix, 2/3 cup dry milk powder and 1 1/4 cups water. Mix well, using a wire whisk. Pour mixture evenly into pie crust. Refrigerate while preparing topping.

2. In another large bowl, combine dry white chocolate pudding mix, remaining 2/3 cup dry milk powder and remaining 1 cup water. Mix well, using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping.
3. Evenly spread topping mixture over set chocolate fudge layer. Sprinkle chocolate graham cracker crumbs and chocolate chips evenly over top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Cut into 8 servings. Freezes well.

• Each serving equals: 198 calories, 6g fat, 6g protein, 30g carb., 495mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch/Carb, 1/2 Skim Milk, 1/2 Fat.

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• Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other. -Abraham Lincoln

• Belief in oneself is one of the most important bricks in building any successful venture. -Lydia M. Child